

Hope Engine Company, No. 17  
733 S. Sixth Street  
Philadelphia  
Philadelphia County  
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1572

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PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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| STATE  | COUNTY  | TOWN OR VICINITY |
| PENNSYLVANIA   | PHILADELPHIA  | PHILADELPHIA     |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)   |   | HABS NO.         |
| HOPE ENGINE COMPANY, No. 17  |   | PA-1572          |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE   |   |                  |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)   |   |                  |
| 733 S. Sixth Street  |   |                  |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)  | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)                           |                  |
| 1851-52  | Hoxie and Button, architects;<br>Edward Storey, builder |                  |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)   |   |                  |
| A four-story urban volunteer firehouse, in use from 1852 to 1871. Italianate detailing in exterior.  |   |                  |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)   |   |                  |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)  |   |                  |
| Brick with stucco. Structural system: Brick bearing walls and timber floor construction.   |   |                  |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)  |   |                  |
| 17' (three-bay front) X 45'; four stories.   |   |                  |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE  |   |                  |
| The decorative elements of the first floor front is of cast iron, made by William Trout of Chester, Pennsylvania. Twin arched windows in the center bay on second, third and fourth floors have medieval style columns and lavishly decorated window hoods. (con't. on page 2) |   |                  |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)  |   |                  |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES   |   |                  |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE  |   |                  |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE   |   |                  |
| For further study, two ca. 1870 exterior photos showing the firehouse are on file at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.   |   |                  |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)   |   |                  |
| Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976.   |   |                  |
| COMPILER, AFFILIATION  |   | DATE             |
| From 1963 architectural report by John Milne and John G. Waite, edited by Susan McCown, HABS historian, March, 1984  |   |                  |

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued from page 1):

Each floor level from second to fourth floors is marked by a corbeled band. Plain pilasters are used between upper-floor windows. The cornice is a scalloped architrave with "dentils".